

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

RATE ADJUSTMENT OF )  
WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH )  
COMPANY )

CASE NO. 8399

O R D E R

On December 9, 1981, the Western Union Telegraph Company ("Western Union") filed a notice with the Commission requesting to restructure and increase Public Message Service rates as well as to increase Infomaster Service rates for messages filed from Telex I and Telex II (TWX) terminals effective on and after January 15, 1982. The tariff restructure includes changes to clarify existing tariff provisions and implement service proposals, additional and expanded service offerings, and adjusted rates. Western Union stated that the proposed increases, which were based on a test year ending December 31, 1980, would increase annual intrastate revenues by approximately \$22,122 and would serve to improve the intrastate return on net investment to 11.3 percent.

Western Union stated in its application that the proposed rates had been approved by the Federal Communications Commission and are presently being charged in its interstate operations. The increase in Kentucky and other state jurisdictions is being sought to conform with the interstate rates and to improve its overall condition.

The Commission is of the opinion that the present rates in Kentucky are inadequate to provide a reasonable return on Western Union's investment in its Kentucky intrastate operations. The Commission is, moreover, of the opinion that a hearing in this matter is neither necessary nor in the best interest of the rate payers as they would ultimately have to bear the cost of the hearing.

#### SUMMARY

Therefore, based on the evidence of record and being advised, the Commission finds that:

1. The rates in Appendix A, attached hereto and made a part hereof, should produce an increase in gross annual revenues of approximately \$22,122 and are the fair, just and reasonable rates to be charged for Infomasters (Telex and TWX service) and Public Message service. The proposed clarifications in Western Union's tariff and proposed service offerings are fair, just, and reasonable and should be allowed.

2. A hearing in this matter is not in the best interest of the public and should not be required.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the rates in Appendix A, attached hereto and made a part hereof, are the fair, just, and reasonable rates for the Western Union Telegraph Company to charge for Infomaster and Public Message service on and after January 15, 1982.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Western Union's proposed tariff clarifications and service offerings be and they hereby are approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Western Union Telegraph Company shall file with this Commission, within 30 days of the date of this Order, its tariff sheets setting forth the rates approved herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 22nd day of December 1981.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Martin M. Vohz  
Chairman

Katherine Baudall  
Vice Chairman

Donn Carrigan  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Secretary

## APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 8399 DATED DECEMBER 22,  
1981.

The following rates are prescribed for the customers in the area served by the Western Union Telegraph Company. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of the Commission prior to the date of this Order.

### MESSAGE TELEGRAPH SERVICES - RATES

#### III. RATES

##### 1. Telegrams:

##### (a) Individual Messages of Different Texts:

For 15 words or less:

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| When the sender requests delivery by messenger,<br>will call delivery, or when a Telex/TWX<br>number or tieline is provided by the sender----- | \$ 7.25 |
| When the sender requests delivery by telephone<br>and provides addressee's telephone number-----   | 7.45    |
| When the sender is unable to provide the<br>addressee's telephone, Telex/TWX number or<br>tieline and does not wish messenger delivery-----    | 8.45    |

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| For each additional word over 15 words----- | .23 |
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##### (b) Multiple Address Common Text Messages Filed at Same Time

(i) For each of the first twenty messages, the charges will be as specified in (a) preceding.

(ii) For each message in excess of the first twenty messages, a discount of 20 percent will be applied to the rates specified in (a) preceding.

(c) When the sender requests delivery by messenger and the addressee is located within the delivery limits of points listed in the Company's Director of Stations, as Company offices or agencies, or two-star points, the charges in (a) or (b) preceding apply, plus an additional charge, as follows, for the messenger delivery.

### III. RATES (continued)

For messenger delivery on Monday through Saturday,  
excluding \*Holidays----- \$ 5.95  
For messenger delivery on Sundays or \*Holidays----- 7.50

#### 2. Overnight Telegrams:

##### (a) Individual Messages of Different Texts:

For 15 words or less:

When the sender requests delivery by messenger,  
will call delivery, or when a Telex/TWX  
number or tieline is provided by the sender----- \$ 5.90  
When the sender requests delivery by telephone  
and provides addressee's telephone number----- 6.05  
When the sender is unable to provide the  
addressee's telephone, Telex/TWX number or  
tieline and does not wish messenger delivery----- 7.05  
For each additional word over 15 words----- .18

##### (b) Multiple Address Common Text Messages Filed at Same Time:

(i) For each of the first twenty messages, the charge  
will be as specified in (a) preceding.

(ii) For each message in excess of the first twenty  
messages, a discount of 20 percent will be applied  
to the rates specified in (a) preceding.

#### 3. Flat-Rate Personal Opinion Messages:

(h) Rate: For each Personal Opinion Message, as described above, a  
charge of \$4.25 applies for the first 20 words or less and for each  
additional group of 20 words or less a charge of \$2.00 applies.

#### 4. Supplementary Service Charges

##### (a) Messages Filed by Messenger

(i) An additional charge of \$5.95 applies on one or more  
Telegrams or Overnight Telegrams picked up by Company  
messengers on Monday through Saturday, excluding Holidays,  
from a customer on a single call. The charge for such  
messages picked up on a single call on Sundays or Holidays,  
as defined in 1.(c) preceding, is \$7.50.

(d) Confirmation Copies: For furnishing the sender a confirmation  
copy of a message filed by telephone or over-the-counter at a  
Company-operated office, as provided for under XII.9. in the section  
captioned "Acceptance of Messages", a charge of 95¢ for each such copy  
applies.

## TELEX SERVICE

### V. TEL(T)EX SERVICE

8. Rates: The charges applicable to Tel(T)ex Service are determined as follows:

(b) A service charge of \$4.00 for each message transmitted by Telex to the Company for delivery in the destination city.

(1) When a message is destined to a location within the delivery limits of the destination point, a charge of \$5.95 applies.

### VI. TELEX COMPUTER SERVICE (TCS)

5. Rates: The charges for TCS service are as follows:

(a) For each TCS-Telex single message, a service charge of 12¢ per minute or fraction thereof applies plus a usage charge of \$0.035 for each tenth of a minute based on the time consumed in transmission as described in step (4) of VI.3(a) preceding.

(e) For each TCS-MS single Fast Message, a service charge of \$2.25 applies plus a usage charge of 24¢ for each one tenth (1/10) of a minute based on the time consumed in transmission as described in step (4) of VI.3(a) preceding.

(f) For each TCS-MS single Overnight Message, a service charge of \$1.50 applies plus a usage charge of 10¢ for each one tenth (1/10) of a minute applies based on the time consumed in transmission as described in step (4) of VI.3(a) preceding.

(h) When a Telex subscriber indicates that a TCS-MS message is to be delivered by messenger a delivery charge of \$5.95 is made in addition to the charges specified in (e) and (f) preceding for a message addressed to a point in this state listed in the Directory of Stations section of this tariff, other than a three-star point. For delivery service to a three-star or unlisted point in this state, the delivery charge is that incurred by the Company in effecting such messenger delivery.

## TELETYPEWRITER EXCHANGE SERVICE

### 8. TELETYPEWRITER COMPUTER SERVICE (TCS)

8.5 Rates: The charges for TCS service are as follows:

(a) For each TCS-TWX single message, a service charge of 12¢ per minute or fraction thereof applies plus a usage charge of 43¢ for each minute or fraction thereof based on the time consumed in transmission as described in 8.3.(a)(4).

8. TELETYPEWRITER COMPUTER SERVICE (TCS) (continued)

(c) For each TCS-MS single Fast Message, a service charge of \$2.25 applies plus a usage charge of 36¢ for each tenth (1/10) of a minute consumed in transmission as described in 8.3(a)(4).

(d) For each TCS-MS single Overnight Message, a service charge of \$1.50 applies plus a usage charge of 15¢ for each (1/10) of a minute consumed in transmission as described in 8.3(a)(4).

(h) When a TWX subscriber indicates that a TCS-MS message is to be delivered by messenger, a delivery charge of \$5.95 is made in addition to the charges specified in 8.5(c) and 8.5(d) preceding for a message addressed to a point in this state listed in the Directory of Stations section of this tariff other than a three-star point. For delivery service to a three-star or unlisted point in this state, the delivery charge is that incurred by the Company in effecting such messenger delivery.